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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: *Robin Kay Ph.D.*
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SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO SOLE
SOURCE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH AURORA CHARTER
OAK, LLC**

This memorandum is to comply with the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, Section 5.100, Sole Source Contracts, by notifying the Board of our need to initiate a sole source contract. It is the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to enter into sole source contract negotiations with Aurora Charter Oak, LLC (Aurora Charter Oak), located at 1161 East Covina Boulevard, Covina, CA 91724, to provide acute inpatient services for uninsured adults 18 to 54 years of age and youth 13 to 17 years of age brought to the hospital by law enforcement or DMH staff authorized to detain individuals in Service Area (SA) 3.

As part of the Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) Relief Plan approved by your Board in July 2005 to address overcrowding in the PES at County hospitals, DMH, in cooperation with the Department of Health Services (DHS), identified SA 3 as a strategic area of the County where there was a critical need for additional acute care psychiatric inpatient beds for indigent adults and sought acute psychiatric inpatient facilities authorized under California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150 to detain and treat individuals who are dangerous to self or others or are gravely disabled due to a mental disorder and which were willing to contract with the County for such beds. Aurora Charter Oak responded to this request, and since then, Aurora Charter Oak has provided acute psychiatric inpatient hospital services for uninsured adults.

The current Hospital Services Agreement with Aurora Charter Oak, a critical component of the PES Relief Plan, is due to expire on June 30, 2016. There remains a need for these contracted acute psychiatric inpatient beds to prevent patients from remaining in the County PES pending availability of County hospital inpatient beds. In SA 3 there are six qualified hospitals with the ability to provide acute psychiatric services to indigent adults: 1) Silverlake Medical Center, 2) BHC Alhambra Hospital, 3) Aurora Las Encinas Hospital, 4) Citrus Valley Medical Center, 5) Huntington Hospital, and 6) Aurora Charter Oak. DMH contacted each of these hospitals to determine their interest in contracting with the County for the provision of psychiatric inpatient hospital services. Of the six

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hospitals, Aurora Charter Oak is the only hospital that is willing to contract with the County for the acute psychiatric services in SA 3.

A new Hospital Services Agreement with Aurora Charter Oak will ensure the uninterrupted availability of medically necessary acute psychiatric inpatient hospital services for uninsured individuals in SA 3.

Unless otherwise instructed by your Board office within two weeks, DMH will proceed with negotiating a sole source contract with Aurora Charter Oak.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Mary Marx, Clinical Program Manager, at (213) 738-4775.

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